

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 14 as follows:

1. (Original) A gurney for a patient wearing a spica cast with a fixed bar extending between the legs, said gurney comprising:
 - a base structure;
 - a platform for holding the patient, the platform being coupled to the base structure and being capable of being in at least one elevated position; and
 - a bar support structure coupled to the platform for supporting the bar so as to support the patient when the platform is in the elevated position.
2. (Original) The gurney of claim 1, wherein the platform is also capable of being in a flat position.
3. (Original) The gurney of claim 1, wherein the platform is fixed in the elevated position.
4. (Original) The gurney of claim 1, wherein the platform is rigid so as to always be substantially planar.
5. (Original) The gurney of claim 1, wherein the bar support structure comprises a box structure.
6. (Original) The gurney of claim 5, wherein the bar support structure further comprises a protruding portion for preventing the bar from moving off of the bar support structure.
7. (Original) The gurney of claim 1, wherein the bar support structure comprises one of a plurality of pegs, at least one hook, and at least one trough.
8. (Original) The gurney of claim 1, wherein the platform includes a trapdoor opening and a toilet is removably mounted underneath the trapdoor opening.

9. (Original) The gurney of claim 1, further comprising at least one adjustable brace coupled between the platform and the base structure.
10. (Original) The gurney of claim 9, wherein the base structure includes at least one brace adjustment feature for allowing the adjustable brace to be secured so as to support the platform in the elevated position.
11. (Original) The gurney of claim 9, wherein the base structure includes a plurality of brace adjustment features for allowing the adjustable brace to be secured so as to support the platform in a plurality of elevated positions.
12. (Original) The gurney of claim 11, wherein the brace adjustment features comprise a plurality of slots for receiving an end of the adjustable brace.
13. (Original) The gurney of claim 1, further comprising a pivot member interconnected to the platform and the base structure, the platform rotating about an axis defined by the pivot member.
14. (Currently Amended) A gurney for a patient wearing a spica cast with a fixed bar extending between the legs, said gurney comprising:
 - a base structure;
 - a platform for holding the patient, the platform being coupled to the base structure and being capable of being in a plurality of elevated positions;
 - a bar support structure coupled to the platform for supporting the bar so as to support the patient when the platform is in one of the elevated positions; and
 - a motorized elevation variance system coupled between the platform and the base structure for changing the elevated position of the platform,wherein the platform is rigid so as to always be substantially planar.
15. (Original) The gurney of claim 14, wherein the motorized elevation variance system comprises at least one electrically-operated screw jack.

16. (Original) The gurney of claim 14, wherein the motorized elevation variance system comprises at least one hydraulic cylinder and piston.

17. (Original) The gurney of claim 14, wherein the motorized elevation variance system comprises at least one pneumatic cylinder and piston.

18. (Original) The gurney of claim 14, further comprising a hand-held control coupled to the motorized elevation variance system for controlling the motorized elevation variance system.